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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Lead me not into
temptation...
I can find the way
myself!



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Your Financial Health.....

More Than \$24 Million in ELMORE Program Funds Assist Florida Senior Homeowners

Launched by Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) in November 2013, the Elderly Mortgage Assistance Program (ELMORE) continues to partner with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) to assist eligible seniors with a reverse mortgage who are experiencing hardships.

By the end of 2016, more than \$24 million had been disbursed, with more assistance on the way. ELMORE is designed to assist seniors who are in arrears on their reverse mortgage by providing up to \$50,000 to pay past due and future property charges, such as property taxes, homeowners' insurance, flood insurance, and homeowner and/ or condo association dues.

If you are a homeowner with a reverse mortgage that is delinquent, Florida ELMORE may be able to help. The first step is to contact your reverse mortgage servicer. If the servicer is not able to assist, please call the ELMORE application and information line toll-free at 1 (800) 601-3534 for more information and/or complete an application by phone certified ELMORE Advisor.

For general information about the ELMORE program, visit www.FloridaELMORE.org or www.KnowYourOptions.com/reverse. First announced on February 19, 2010, by the US Department of the Treasury (Treasury), the "Housing Finance Agency (HFA) Innovation Fund for the Hardest-Hit Housing Markets" (HFA Hardest Hit Fund) provides federal funding to states hardest hit by the aftermath of the burst of the housing bubble.

To date, \$9.6 billion has been infused into the fund for 18 states and the District of Columbia; Florida's allocation stands at more than \$1 billion. The goal is to help create sustainable homeownership in our state.

Membership Meeting

The next membership luncheon meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19th, at the Wellington Community Center, 12150 Forest Hill Blvd. Doors open at 11:30am.

After a brief business meeting get ready for a trip to "Broadway", courtesy of Ms. Carolyn Smylie who will transport you with a voice that amazingly covers four octaves and includes a crystal-clear soprano, a powerful belt and all points in between. Carolyn has sung leading roles in "Evita", "West Side Story", "The Sound of Music" and "Fiorello". Her vivacious personality and lively delivery style make her a popular entertainer who leaves a lasting impression on every audience she meets.



Please remember when making out checks for trips, issue checks for **individual trips**.

Save The Date

Our 25th Anniversary Gala is scheduled for Friday evening, October 20th, 2017. More information will be forthcoming in future issues. So stay tuned. See you all at the next luncheon.

Our Sunshine Lady

If you know of any club member who is recovering from an illness, hospitalization, or has suffered the loss of a family member, please call our **Sunshine Lady, Mae Loglisci at 792-5707**. An appropriate card will be sent on behalf of the membership.



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Birthstone.....Diamond

Flower.....Sweet Pea

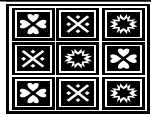


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The Club House

Bridge Club... *Celia Cavagner, 793-5445,
Gladys Maloy, 214-0967*

WCC, Lakeview Room, Mondays at 12:00-4:00 PM



The Wellington Quilters...

Audrey Blobaum 333-2708

WCC, Lakefield Room, Thursdays, 9:00am-12:00 noon

Duplicate Bridge.....Nell Sudham 793-2022

ACBL Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge, Tuesday and
Thursday, 12:30-4:00 PM, WCC, Lakefield Room



Singles Supper Club.....Faye Ford 790-7625

Seniors without partners meet at a different restaurant
every week for dinner, a few laughs, food and friendship.



Canasta... Marlene Sacks..791-0054

Mondays at 12-4:00 PM, Village Park

Mah Jongg

Tuesdays at 12-4:00PM, Village Park



They Bit In 1877

After Thomas Edison invented the phonograph in 1877, Americans were quite willing to believe there was no limit to his genius. They were sure he could solve any problem he focused his powerful mind on. Therefore, when the *New York Graphic* announced in 1878 that Edison had invented a machine capable of transforming soil directly into cereal and water directly into wine, thereby ending the problem of world hunger, it found a willing audience of believers.

Newspapers throughout America copied the article unquestioningly and heaped lavish praise on Edison. The conservative *Buffalo Commercial Advertiser*, in particular, waxed eloquent about Edison's genius in an editorial that dwelled upon the good fortune of a man like Edison having been born in the progressive nineteenth century when his genius could be appreciated. "Let steady-going people whose breath has been taken away by the pace we seem to be driving at just now, take heart therefore," it declared. "And be thankful that the genius of true benefactors of the race, like Edison, cannot now be crippled and blighted by superstition and bigotry, as it was when Galileo was forced to recant the awful heresy that two and two make four."

The New York Graphic took the liberty of reprinting the Advertiser's credulous editorial in full. Above the article it placed a single, gloating headline: "They Bite!"

April 1, 1962

Sweden's SVT (Sveriges Television) brought their technical expert, Kjell Stensson, onto the news to inform the public that, thanks to a new technology, viewers could convert their existing sets to display color reception. At the time, there was only the one TV channel in Sweden, and it broadcast in black and white, so this was big news. Stensson explained that all viewers had to do was pull a nylon stocking over their tv screen, and the mesh would cause the light to bend in such a way that it would appear as if the image was in color. He proceeded to demonstrate the process. Thousands of people were taken in.

Many Swedes today still report remembering their fathers rushing through the house trying to find stockings to place over the TV set. Regular color broadcasts only commenced in Sweden on April 1, 1970.

The Greatest April Fool's Day Hoax's

The Great Cave Sell...Circa 1845

On an undetermined April 1 in the 1840s, a story appeared in the *Boston Post* announcing that a cave full of treasure had been discovered beneath Boston Common. It had supposedly been uncovered by workmen as they removed a tree from the Common. As the tree fell, it revealed a stone trap-door with a large iron ring set in it. Beneath the door was a stone stairway that led to an underground cave. In this cave lay piles of jewels, old coins, and weapons with jeweled handles.

As word of the discovery spread throughout Boston, parties of excited curiosity-seekers began marching out across the Common to view the treasure. A witness later described the scene: "It was rainy, that 1st of April, the Legislature was in session, and it was an animated scene that the Common presented, roofed with umbrellas, sheltering pilgrims on their way to the new-found sell. A procession of grave legislators marched solemnly down under their green gingham, while philosophers, archaeologists, numismatists, antiquarians of all qualities and the public generally paid tribute to the Post's ingenuity."

Of course, the Common was empty of all jewel-bearing caverns, as the crowd of treasure seekers eventually discovered to its disappointment.

April 1, 1996

The Taco Bell Corporation took out a full-page ad that appeared in six major newspapers announcing it had bought the Liberty Bell and was renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell. Hundreds of outraged citizens called the National Historic Park in Philadelphia where the bell was housed to express their anger. Their nerves were only calmed when Taco Bell revealed, a few hours later, that it was all a practical joke. The best line of the day came when White House press secretary Mike McCurry was asked about the sale.

Thinking on his feet, he responded that the Lincoln Memorial had also been sold. It would now be known, he said, as the Ford Lincoln Mercury Memorial

April 1, 1957... The #1 April Fool's Hoax

The respected BBC news show *Panorama* announced that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. It accompanied this announcement with footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Huge numbers of viewers were taken in. Many called the BBC wanting to know how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. To this the BBC diplomatically replied, "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best."

Even the director-general of the BBC later admitted that after seeing the show he checked in an encyclopedia to find out if that was how spaghetti actually grew (but the encyclopedia had no information on the topic). The broadcast remains, by far, the most popular and widely acclaimed April Fool's Day hoax ever, making it an easy pick for number one.



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Steppin' Out Program 2017

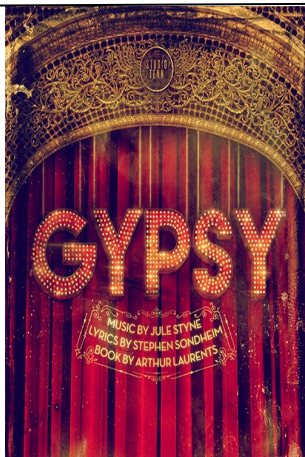
Gypsy

Gypsy is a 1959 musical with music by Jule Styne, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and a book by Arthur Laurents.

Gypsy is loosely based on the 1957 memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, the famous striptease artist and focuses on her mother, Rose, whose name has become synonymous with "the ultimate show business mother." It follows the dreams and efforts of Rose to raise two daughters to perform onstage and casts an affectionate eye on the hardships of show business life. The character of Louise is based on Lee and the character of June is based on Lee's sister, the actress June Havoc.

Join us on Saturday, April 8th, at the Maltz Jupiter Theater for a fascinating and exciting performance of "Gypsy", with dinner afterward at Rollatini's Restaurant. The cost will be \$57.00 pp., for members and \$75.00 pp., for guests. Our coach will spot at 12:00noon and will depart 12:15pm from the Wellington Municipal Complex, 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, North Parking lot. Please make checks payable to The Wellington Seniors Club. For reservations, call...

Trip Leader Cecilia Torrisi 790-1477
1581 Goodwood Terrace, Wellington 33414

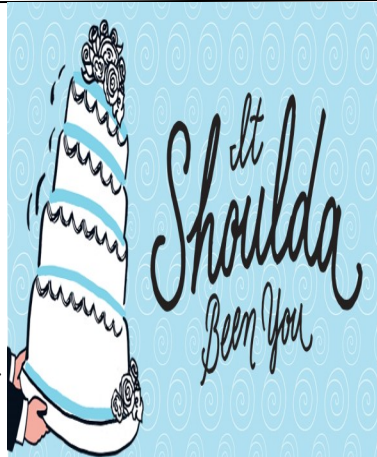


It Shoulda Been Me

In a world where nothing is what it seems, religions collide, Machiavellian plots are revealed, promises are broken, secrets are exposed and hope springs from the most unlikely of places. Is it the latest conflict in the Middle East? No, it's just the Steinberg wedding. The bride is Jewish. The groom is Catholic. Her mother is a force of nature. His mother is a tempest in a cocktail shaker.

And, when the bride's ex-boyfriend crashes the party, the perfect wedding starts to unravel faster than you can whistle "Here Comes the Bride". It's up to the sister of the bride to turn a tangled mess into happily ever after in this musical comedy for anyone who ever had parents. Get ready to laugh your sides off on Wednesday, May 24th at The Actors Playhouse in Coral Gables with dinner at John Martins Irish Pub and Restaurant. Our coach spots at 12:15pm and departs 12:30pm from the North parking lot of The Wellington Municipal Complex, 12300 Forest Hill Blvd. The cost for members is \$60.00 pp., and \$90.00 pp., for guests. Please make checks payable to The Wellington Seniors Club. For reservations, call...

Trip Leader Anne McGinness 333-1854
11951 Suellen Circle, Wellington 33414



Spring Dinner Dance 2017

Put on your dancing shoes and sharpen your appetites, it's time for our Spring Fling on Friday evening, April 28th at The Mayacoo Country Club, 9697 Miyacoo Club Drive, located just east of The Walmart Shopping Center off Belvedere Road, in the Breakers West community.

Enjoy a delicious sit down dinner, done in that unique Mayacoo style and be entertained by the Rondell Music Company.

Your evening begins at 6:00pm till 10:00pm.

The cost will be \$30.00pp., for members and \$40.00 pp., for guests. There will be complimentary valet service available for your convenience. Please make your checks payable to The Wellington Seniors Club. For reservations, please call....

Event Leader Mae Loglisci 792-5707
3742 Pelican Bay Court, Wellington 33414



Mardi Gras Casino

Get those fingers moving and get ready for an exciting day at the Mardi Gras Casino, on Monday, May 8th. This trip will be limited to 30 guests. The cost will be \$2.00 for the bus driver tip, (please have the correct amount available in cash). All guests will have \$10.00 free play and a \$2.00 food voucher. Our bus will spot at 9:15am and depart at 9:30am from the North

parking lot of the Wellington Municipal Complex, 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard. For reservations, please call...

Trip Leader Estelle Rubin 333-8885
1801 Corsica Drive, Wellington 33414



Dear Abby,

A couple of women moved in across the hall from me. They go everywhere together, and I've never seen a man go into or leave their apartment. Do you think they could be Lebanese?

Dear Abby,

What can I do about all the Sex, Nudity, Fowl Language, and Violence on my VCR?

Dear Abby,

I am a twenty-three year old liberated woman who has been on the pill for two years. It's getting expensive and I think my boyfriend should share half the cost, but I don't know him well enough to discuss money with him.

Dear Abby,

I've suspected that my husband has been fooling around, and when confronted with the evidence, he denied everything and said it would never happen again.

Dear Abby,

Our son writes that he is taking Judo. Why would a boy who was raised in a good Christian home turn against his own?

Dear Abby,

I joined the Navy to see the world. I've seen it. Now how do I get out?

Dear Abby,

My forty year old son has been paying a psychiatrist \$50.00 an hour every week for two and a half years. He must be crazy.

Dear Abby,

My mother is mean and short-tempered; I think she is going through mental pause.

Have a Good Day!



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